



Bluffton Police Department

DATE: October 8, 2016

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Hurricane Matthew Aftermath

What:

Hurricane Matthew

Where:

Town of Bluffton

When:

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Bluffton officers, Bluffton firefighters and Town Public Works officials have been out since early this morning doing damage assessments throughout the entire town.

They found flooded roads, flooded yards, downed trees and downed power lines. They have been working all day on removing many of the downed trees blocking roadways. In order to allow these men and women to do their jobs, we need all of those who stayed behind to stay off the roads. Many of the motorists are hindering the efforts of our first responders. They are disregarding road blocks and disregarding officer orders.

In addition, the curfew that was in place last night is in place again tonight from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sunday morning. There will be a heavy presence of officers patrolling Bluffton roads tonight. If you are seen in public after 7 p.m. you will be stopped and questioned by police.

A decision has not yet been made on when the public who evacuated will be allowed back in the county. For those who evacuated, please call 1-800-963-5023 to find out when you can re-enter.

For any media, needing an interview or quote, please call or text Joy Nelson at 843-540-8308.

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